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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON OCTOBER 28, 2002

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 28, 2002. Applicants respectfully present the following amendments and remarks. Applicants would like to begin by noting that an error in the numbering of the claims has been corrected by this Response. Specifically, improperly numbered claims 16-38 and 50-56 have been corrected and correspondingly renumbered, claims 18-40 and 52-58. Applicants will reference the claims in accordance with the corrected numbering scheme.

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension in the statutory period for response to the Office Action from January 28, 2003 to February 28, 2003 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the one-month extension of time (\$110), and any additional fees which may be required, to the credit card listed on the attached PTO-2038. However, if the PTO-2038 is missing, if the amount listed thereon is insufficient, or if the amount is unable to be charged to the credit